

Happy new school year! Amazingly enough, some of you have been in school for a month already. Time flies when you are having fun, right! As in previous years, email is my main form of communication. You can anticipate one to two large email FCS updates per month plus other isolated emails as deemed necessary. They are also posted on my OPI FCS webpage once they've been sent in case you need to reference them later on in the year. If you'd prefer for me to use a different address or no longer receive these emails, please reply and let me know. Otherwise, I will assume you are happy to read them each month!

I am a firm believer in professional development; this is vital for your FCS classroom and staying current. As you make plans for this year, please consider our in-state options. On October 15-16, you can attend Montana ACTE's Fall Institute which includes all areas of CTE. In April, you can attend the Montana Association of Family & Consumer Sciences Annual Conference. It will be held in Havre this year from April 20-22, 2016. Montana FCS teachers work hard to organize and arrange these conferences; I hope to see you at one or both of them!

If you have something you'd like to share with other teachers, you can submit it to me for inclusion or you can consider posting it in our Montana FCS Facebook group and/or the Montana FCCLA Chapter Advisers Facebook group.

All Montana FCCLA updates will be coming via email from Nicole Wanago, our Montana FCCLA State Director. She's already sent out a handful, so if you are not receiving FCCLA information from her, please let her or I know as soon as possible so we can troubleshoot. Nicole can be reached at nicole.wanago@mtfccla.org.

Please welcome our new FCS teachers this year! Some of them are in their first year of teaching, some have classroom experience in other content areas, and some come from other FCS type backgrounds. Regardless, we are pleased to have you teaching FCS with us!

- Arlee High School – Leslie Jackson
- Broadwater High School – Samantha Smith
- Browning High School – Susan Meinke
- Chinook High School – Hope Hamilton
- Flathead High School – Michele Mussman
- Linderman Education Center (Kalispell) – Donelle Holderbaum
- Manhattan High School – Jordan Harler
- Poplar High School – Jeanine Granada
- Skyview High School – Katie Gorder

And, please join me in congratulating our FCS retirees from last year. We wish them the best!

- Billings Career Center – Dorothy Seiler-Bonk
- Billings West High School – Kathy Anderson
- Broadwater High School – Laurie Stelter
- Chinook High School – Karen Covert
- Corvallis High School – Debbie Dukart
- East Middle School (Great Falls) – Maria Taylor



- Hellgate High School – Cathy Semmelroth
- Nashua High School – Jamie Hanson
- Skyview High School – Peggy Bergsagel
- Wibaux High School – Ruthann Zielsdorf

As many of you know, one of our most beloved FCS professionals, Shirley Spurgeon of Kalispell, passed away earlier this year in May. She was a great lady and strong professional with a heart of gold. We will miss her greatly when we gather for MAFCS in Havre this next April. At the time of her death, she was teaching at the Linderman Education Center in Kalispell. Her teaching career spanned more than 50 years in the FCS and Business Education fields.

If you want to donate any money to the Shirley Spurgeon Memorial Scholarship Fund, which is a joint collaboration between her family and the school district, the donation will be used to support students pursuing careers in service and education. Be sure your check is made out with that title on it. The donation can be sent to:

Shirley Spurgeon Memorial Scholarship Fund
C/O School District #5
233 First Ave. East
Kalispell, MT 59901
Attn: Heidi

State CTE/VoEd Funding allocation based on last year's CTE Participation Reports collected from TEAMS

(applies to High School FCS Programs only)

The upcoming State CTE/VoEd funding allocation for the 2015-2016 school year will be generated in October based on the data entered into TEAMS (Terms of Employment, Accreditation, and Master Schedule) for the prior 2014-2015 school year. The CTE tab in TEAMS was made available last April and districts were asked to complete a few additional items on the tab and review the details carefully to make sure the data was accurate.

Throughout the spring and summer, the CTE Division has been made aware of an overwhelming number of incorrect enrollment numbers, course codes, omissions, etc. from this TEAMS data. In addition, the gender breakdown was not collected. In an effort to make sure your State CTE/VoEd funding allocation is accurate, we ask that if you have reason to suspect the TEAMS data for your school may have errors in it, please request appropriate district personnel review the data to confirm accuracy. If you determine the TEAMS data for your school is accurate and complete, no further action is required.

If you find errors, omissions, or have any questions regarding the CTE information, have your AR contact any of the CTE Division staff (contact information below) no later than September 25, 2015. The posted information at this time is preliminary and we can make corrections with proper documentation as long as we are notified by October 1.

To aid in this review, CTE Data Specialist Christy Hendricks has prepared a PDF document for district examination. The link to the data is located here:

http://www.opi.mt.gov/pdf/CTE/14_15CTEParticipationReport.pdf The information comes directly from TEAMS; however, we are attaching a link to the PDF on our Secondary CTE webpage to assist those who may not have access to the data.

Please have your AR contact one of the following people if you have questions regarding the data on the PDF:

Agriculture Education: Brad King, 406.444.4451; bking2@mt.gov

Business Education: Eric Swenson, 406.444.7991; eswenson@mt.gov

Family & Consumer Sciences Education: Megan Vincent, 406.444.3599; mvincent2@mt.gov

Health Sciences Education: Renee Harris, 406.994.6986; rharris3@mt.gov

Industrial Trades & Technology Education: Don Michalsky, 406.444.4452; dmichalsky@mt.gov

CTE Data Specialist: Christy Hendricks, 406.444.9019; chendricks@mt.gov

TEAMS Project Manager: Danielle Murphy, 406.444.1625; opiteams@mt.gov

Montana ACTE Fall Institute – October 15-16, Billings

Register now to attend the Montana ACTE Fall Institute! Information for the conference can be found on their website here: <http://www.montanaacte.org/prodevel.shtml>. Early bird registration ends October 1. The Institute will be held at the Billings Career Center and City College (map included in the Registration Packet). Please review the **Agenda at a Glance** for changes to this year's program. Hope to see you all in October in Billings at the Montana ACTE Fall Institute!

Montana FCCLA Leadership Rally – October 4 – 6, Bozeman

Wanted: Empowered Leaders! Don't miss this opportunity to develop your leadership skills, meet new people and have tons of fun! Montana FCCLA Chapters are invited to bring leaders, chapter officers and their adviser to this great training October 4-6 on the Montana State University Campus in Bozeman, Montana. Registration is open, and it closes September 18. Space is limited and based on a first come, first served basis. Complete information for the Rally can be found here: <http://mtfccla.org/conferences/leadership-rally/>

This is a not to miss event! Check out this IMPRESSIVE line-up of speakers:

- Kyle Willkom, a speaker with FOCUS Training out of Wisconsin who promises to entertain;
- Ariana Lake, a fifth generation Montanan, Montana FCCLA alumni, previous FCCLA National Officer, and an anchor and producer for Montana's KAJ news station;
- Garrett Christiaens, Montana's own current FCCLA National Officer and a senior at Valier High School;

- Shannon Stober, a leadership trainer extraordinary with years of experience in working with Montana's CTSOs.

Not only does this rally provide your chapter the boost it needs to get the year started right with FCCLA, but it gives your members the chance to experience the Montana State University campus – the **ONLY** place students can go in Montana to become our future FCS teachers. I look forward to seeing you there!

New CTE Professionals Workshop – October 14, Billings

The Office of Public Instruction's Career and Technical Education Specialists will be conducting a **New CTE Professionals Workshop** on Wednesday, October 14, in Billings at the Billings Career Center, prior to the start of the 2015 Montana ACTE Institute.

The New CTE Professionals Workshop is a **FREE** professional development opportunity designed specifically for Career & Technical Education professionals in their first, second, or third year in the classroom or for those teachers new to Career & Technical Education in Montana.

This professional development opportunity will provide teachers who are new to the classroom, as well as those with less than four years of experience, with information on a variety of topics essential for success in the career and technical education classroom including

- Perkins funding,
- State CTE funding,
- Advisory boards,
- Professional development,
- Professional organizations,
- Montana's Big Sky Pathways Initiative and the Development of Programs of Study,
- CTE and program-area standards and guidelines, and
- Career & Technical Student Organizations – FCCLA.

The workshop will be held at the Billings Career Center (3723 Central Avenue) from 8 am to 4 pm. The training is free of charge and lunch will be provided for attendees. Up to six (6) OPI Renewal Units will be offered.

Additional details about the New CTE Professionals Workshop, including a schedule of events, are currently posted on the Secondary CTE page of the OPI website

(<http://opi.mt.gov/programs/CTAE/CTE.html>) under the **In The News** heading and can be downloaded via the following link:

<http://www.opi.mt.gov/pdf/CTE/15CTEprofessionalsWorkshopFlyer.pdf>.

Registration for the 2015 New CTE Professionals Workshop can be completed and submitted online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KRM35Z9>. The deadline to register is Monday, October 5.

For registration assistance or for more information, please contact Megan Vincent.

Save the Date! Say YES to FCS MSU Campus Visit Day - November 6, 2015

Do you have any high school students that have shown interest in becoming an FCS teacher? Montana State University's Family & Consumer Sciences Program is organizing a Campus Visit Day for Friday, November 6. Attendees will have the chance to participate in a campus tour, learn about the typical coursework and unique aspects of their program of interest and attended a college class if desired. Lunch will be provided as well. An official invitation and more information will follow; please add that date to your school and program calendar's now in case you know of a student who might benefit from this visit!

Pro-AM Culinary Competition: Montana ProStart Fundraiser & Auction, September 30, Bozeman

Calling all foodies! Here's your chance for an enjoyable evening out in Bozeman to enjoy some tasty food, see our high school culinary students in action, and support our FCS/ProStart programs! The event will consist of a reception with cash bar, silent auction, and musical entertainment; and a market basket competition with teams consisting of ProStart students and professional chefs.

When: Wednesday, September 30, 2015, 5:30pm – 8:30pm

Where: Hilton Garden Inn, Bozeman

Cost: \$30.00 per person, no host bar

For more information and event details, please contact Sarah Boyer at sarah.boyer@mtretail.com. To purchase tickets, please contact the Montana Restaurant Association at 406.256.1005 or email Julie Hilliard at the Montana Restaurant Association at Julie.hilliard@mtretail.com.



Pro-AM Culinary Competition
Montana ProStart Fundraiser & Auction **Sept. 30, 2015**
Hilton Garden Inn, Bozeman

5:30pm-7:00pm	Reception with tapas stations. Each station to be manned by ProStart students and a chef. Students will serve and talk about the food.
6:00pm-7:00pm	Musical Entertainment provided by Classical Guitarist Mark Logan.
6:45pm-8:00pm	Market Basket competition. Two teams consisting of ProStart students and chefs. Each team will be given a market basket of items at 6:45pm and they will have 15 minutes to develop a menu using all the items. At 7:00pm the prepping and cooking component will begin and the teams will have 60 minutes to complete the menu. Judging will be based on creativity, presentation and taste.
5:30pm-7:30pm	Silent Auction; bidding will close @ 7:30pm.
8:00pm-8:30pm	Winners of Market Basket Competition and Silent Auction announced.





\$30 General Admission, No Host Bar
Doors open at 5:30pm
Proceeds to benefit Montana ProStart
Tickets Available by calling The Montana Restaurant Association
406.256.1005 or 800.388.0236 or email julie.hilliard@mtretail.com

Growing Leaders Youth Summit

Want to change your school's food environment? You're invited! The Growing Leaders Youth Summit is a high school leadership development opportunity and a project of NCAT's [Growing Leaders Youth Initiatives](#). The main objective of this one day Youth Summit is to strengthen young people's capacity to educate and organize their peers and communities to support healthy, local food systems. All participants, students and teachers alike, can expect to return

inspired to create change. Please check out the farmtocafeteria.ncat.org webpage to learn more about what's planned for the Growing Leaders Youth Summit nearest you! Be sure to click the "Register" link to take a look at the tentative agenda.

It's been nearly two years since the last Growing Leaders Youth Summit, and you're going to love the ideas that have been cooking since then! If you're curious as to how the 2013 Youth Summit went, check out the [video here](#). The response to this event was overwhelming, so this year, we have planned FIVE Regional Growing Leaders Youth Summits.

*Educators in attendance will also have the opportunity to receive OPI Renewal Credits by participating in the adult session(s) provided.

Check MT Growing Leaders out on [Facebook](#), and find the events on our page!



NCAT GROWING LEADERS Youth Summit

This year, we are having FIVE Regional Growing Leaders Youth Summits for students to explore local food systems across the state!

Register online at ncat.org/events

Helena — October 3rd
Billings — October 5th
Livingston — October 11th
Rocky Boy — October 24th
Kalispell — October 26th

Change YOUR Food, Change YOUR Future!

Join Other Growing Leaders at your region's Youth Summit!

- Connect with other Youth Leaders
- Learn how to create change
- Dig into local projects
- Tour local food producers and purchasers

The Growing Leaders Youth Initiatives (GLYI) is a project of the National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT) that was developed to create opportunities that build high school students' leadership and ability to educate and organize their peers and communities to support healthy, local foods systems.

Contact: Demetrius Fassas, demetrius@ncat.org, (859) 200-6861.

MONTANA HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION

Governor and First Lady Youth Leadership Council

The Governor's Office of Community Service is currently seeking 7th-12th grade students to serve on the Governor and First Lady Youth Leadership Council and help in the fight against childhood hunger! Youth members who are selected to serve on the Governor and First Lady Youth Leadership Council will work to raise awareness of the issue of childhood hunger in school and engage peers in innovative service projects during Fight Childhood Hunger Week, a Global Youth Service Day project, April 11-17, 2016. By addressing childhood hunger through service, members of the Youth Leadership Council will build school-community relationships, engage other youth in service and in the community, and receive hands-on training to implement projects and events in school.

Additionally, members of the Governor and First Lady Youth Leadership Council will attend an orientation in Helena where they will hear first-hand from Governor and First Lady Bullock about their current efforts and how we can work together to feed Montana's children. At orientation, they will gain valuable skills in leadership development and project management,

all while meeting other youth throughout Montana passionate about eliminating childhood hunger.

More information on Fight Childhood Hunger Week and the application form for the Governor and First Lady Youth Leadership Council can be found at fightchildhoodhunger.com. **The deadline to submit an application is Friday, October 2, 2015.**

Montana Crunch Time – October 26

Mark your calendar and find your apples because [Montana Crunch Time](#) is coming! Celebrate Food Day and National Farm to School Month with fellow Montanans by crunching into locally and regionally grown apples on Monday, October 26, 2015 at 2 p.m. MST.

Last year, more than 20,000 children and adults across Montana participated in Montana Crunch Time. We encourage all Montanans to join the crunch this year! Grab an apple, your colleagues, family, or friends, and join us for the loudest crunch yet!

The Office of Public Instruction, Montana Team Nutrition Program housed at Montana State University, National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT), FoodCorps Montana, Eat Right Montana, and other statewide partners have created a guide to help every Montanan crunch into a delicious apple this October.

For more information about Montana Crunch Time, to register and receive your guide and other resources, visit opi.mt.gov/Farm2School. Make sure to collect a “crunch byte” (video, photos, or audio) and share your crunch story by tagging with #MontanaCrunchTime on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and other social media sites.

Challenge your co-workers, classmates, friends, and family to out-crunch you this October--spread the word!



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Farm2School](http://opi.mt.gov/Farm2School)**

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Thought of the Day

"Wherever there is a human being, there is an opportunity for a kindness."

~Seneca, Roman philosopher

Calendar of Events

September 30, 2015: [Montana ProStart Fundraiser](#), Hilton Garden Inn, Bozeman, MT
October 4 – 6, 2015: Montana FCCLA Leadership Rally, Bozeman, MT
October 14, 2015: [OPI CTE New Teacher Training](#), Billings, MT
October 15 – 16, 2015: [Montana ACTE Fall Institute](#), Billings, MT
October 26, 2015: [Montana Crunch Time](#), across MT
October 28 – 30, 2015: [National Career Pathways Network Annual Conference](#), Dallas, TX
November 6, 2015: MSU 'Say Yes to FCS' Campus Visit Day, Bozeman, MT
November 19 – 22, 2015: [ACTE's CareerTech Vision 2015](#), New Orleans, LA
January 16 – 19, 2016: FCCLA State Advisers Management Meeting, San Diego, CA
March 20 – 22, 2016: Montana FCCLA State Leadership Conference, Billings, MT
March 30 – April 2, 2016: [27th Annual National Service Learning Conference](#), Minneapolis, MN
April 20 – 22, 2016: Montana Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (MAFCS) Annual Conference, Havre, MT
April 21 – 23, 2016: ACTE Region V Leadership Conference, San Diego, CA
June 22 – 25, 2016: AAFCS Annual Conference & Expo, Bellevue, WA
June 23 – 25, 2016: [CAFÉ Leadership Conference](#), Chicago, IL
July 3 – 7, 2016: FCCLA National Leadership Conference, San Diego, CA

Facebook Group Links

Please click on the link and ask to be added for some great conversation & resources:

- ✓ Montana FCS Educators Group:
<https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/168470129878554/>
- ✓ Montana FCCLA Chapter Advisers Group:
<https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/248102661886036/>

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